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1. ACCORDING TO AMB. METAXAS (2ND DIRECTORATE) GOG IS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CURRENT CYPRUS PROSPECTS. ONE ONE HAND INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN AREA OF SELF-GOVERNMENT "WHERE MINUTIAE HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT" AND WITH DEATH OF GRIVAS VIOLENCE HAS ENDED,
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AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. METAXAS ADDED THAT WHILE NEW EOKA LEADERSHIP EMERGING, AT THIS STAGE FUTURE ROLE OF ORGANIZATION WAS UNPREDICTABLE. ON OTHER HAND, PRONOUNCEMENTS OF NEW GOT ON SUBJECT OF FEDERALISM WERE "WORRISOME," PARTICULARLY IF THIS CONCEPT WAS APPLIED AS MEANS OF PRESSURE ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

2. HOWEVER, METAXAS SAW SOME SIGNS THAT GOT BACKING AWAY FROM INITIAL EMPHASIS THAT NEW GOVERNMENT PUT ON FEDERALISM. IN THIS CONNECTION HE MENTIONED BUT WAS UNABLE TO RECALL CONTEXT OF MOST RECENT TURKISH REFERENCE TO FEDERALISM WHICH PUT IN CONTEXT OF CULTURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS, BOTH OF WHICH WERE MANAGEABLE FROM
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GREEK POINT OF VIEW.

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3. HE BELIEVED PLANNED UNFICYP REDUCTION IF PROPERLY
HANDLED WOULD BE USEFUL ENCOURAGEMENT TO INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

4. GOG APPARENTLY BELIEVES CYPRUS SITUATION EVOLVING
SINCE DEATH OF GRIVAS AND HAS NOT YET REACHED ANY
CONCLUSION ABOUT RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF CONTRADICTORY
ELEMENTS IN PRESENT SITUATION.
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